

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement drawing sheet makes changes to Fig. 2 and replaces the original sheet with Fig. 2.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending. By this Response to Quayle Action, the specification and drawings are amended. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

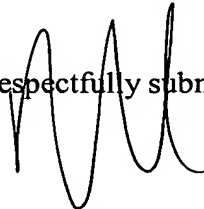
It is gratefully appreciated that the Quayle Action indicates that claims 1-20 are allowed. Moreover, the courtesy extended to Applicants' representative by Examiner Grainger during the May 24, 2005, telephone interview is gratefully appreciated.

The Quayle Action objects to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a). Fig. 2 is amended to correspond to a recommendation by Examiner Grainger during the May 24 telephone interview. Specifically, Fig. 2 is amended to more clearly show the non-contact fixing device, e.g., vacuum-oven 30 and the vacuum-heated rolls 32. The specification is also amended to include to the amended features of Fig. 2. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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